

In the Claims:

1. (original) A closure for a bottle, the closure being dispersible in a aqueous medium, the closure comprising a first component and a second component, each component defining a seal enclosing a volume within the bottle, wherein the dispersion of each component is activated by a different means.
- 2.(currently amended) A closure according to ~~in accordance with~~ claim 1, wherein the first component of the closure is insoluble in water.
- 3.(currently amended) A closure according to claim 1 ~~in accordance with claim 1 or 2~~, wherein the dispersion of the first component of the closure is triggered by an elevated temperature mechanism.
- 4.(currently amended) A closure according to ~~in accordance with~~ claim 3, wherein the elevated temperature is between 30°C-90°C, ~~more preferably between 40°C-80°C, and most preferably about 50°C.~~
5. (currently amended) A closure according to claim 1 ~~in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the first component of the closure comprises a wax.
- 6.(cancelled) ~~A closure in accordance with claim 5, wherein the wax is a paraffin wax or a hydrocarbon wax.~~
- 7.(currently amended) A closure according to claim 1 ~~in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 6~~, wherein the dispersion of the second component of the closure is triggered by contact with an aqueous medium.
- 8.(canceled)

9.(currently amended) A closure according to claim 7 ~~in accordance with claim 7 or 8~~, wherein the second component comprises a water soluble polymer.

10.(currently amended) A closure according to ~~in accordance with~~ claim 9, wherein the water soluble polymer comprises a polymer selected from polyvinyl alcohol, polylactic acid, polyvinyl pyrrolidone or a mixture thereof.

11.(canceled)

12. (currently amended) A closure according to ~~in accordance with~~ claim 7, wherein the second component of the closure has no or only a limited solubility at a pH-value above 10 and, at a pH-value below 9, has a solubility such that it becomes dissolved.

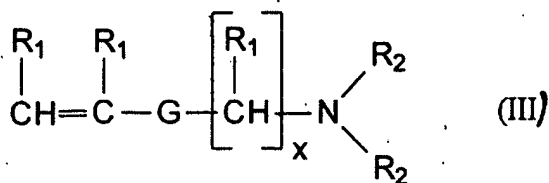
13.(currently amended) A closure according to ~~in accordance with~~ claim 12, wherein the component comprises a pH-sensitive polymer incorporating a repeat unit having a basic function, separate from the backbone chain of the polymer.

14.(currently amended) A closure according to ~~in accordance with~~ claim 13, wherein the repeat unit is based on a compound selected from the group consisting of vinyl alcohol derivatives, acrylates and alkyl acrylates having said basic function.

15.(currently amended) A closure according to ~~in accordance with~~ claim 13, wherein the polymer is a carbohydrate functionalised with the basic function.

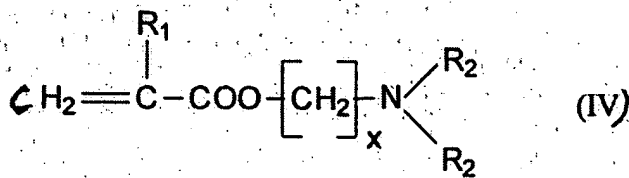
16. (currently amended) A closure according to ~~in accordance with~~ claim 13, ~~14 or 15~~, wherein the basic function is an amine.

17.(currently amended) A closure according to claim 16, in which the repeat unit is based on a compound of formula III:



in which G is a linking group selected from -COO-, -OCO-, -CONH-, -NHCO-, -NHCONH-, -NHCOO-, -OCONH- or -OCOO-,
each R₁ is, independently, hydrogen or an alkyl group with 1 to 3 carbon atoms,
each R₂ is, independently, hydrogen or an alkyl group with 1 to 5 carbon atoms,
and x is an integer from 1 to 6.

- 18.(original) A closure according to claim 16, in which the repeat unit is based on a compound of formula IV:



in which R₁ is hydrogen or an alkyl group with 1 to 3 carbon atoms, each R₂ is, independently, hydrogen or alkyl group with 1 to 5 carbon atoms, and x is an integer from 1 to 6.

- 19.(currently amended) A closure according to claim 1 ~~in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 18~~, wherein the components of the closure are arranged in a two layer structure.

- 20.(currently amended) A closure according to ~~in accordance with~~ claim 19, wherein the closure is disposed within or adjacent to a dispensing aperture of the bottle.
- 21.(currently amended) A closure according to claim 19 ~~in accordance with claim 19 or 20~~, wherein the layers abut against one another.
- 22.(currently amended) A closure according to ~~in accordance with~~ claim 19, wherein a first layer is disposed within or adjacent to a dispensing aperture of the bottle defining a first seal and a second layer is disposed across a lower portion of the bottle defining a second seal.
- 23.(canceled)
- 24.(currently amended) A bottle for use in a washing machine, the bottle comprising a two component closure dispersible in an aqueous ~~aqueous~~ medium, each component defining a seal enclosing a volume within the bottle, wherein the dispersion of each component is activated by a different means.
- 25.(currently amended) A bottle comprising a closure according to claim 1 ~~in accordance with claim 24, wherein the closure is in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 23.~~
- 26.(currently amended) A bottle according to claim 25 ~~in accordance with claims 24 or 25~~, wherein the components of the closure are arranged in a two layer structure.
- 27.(currently amended) A bottle according to ~~in accordance with~~ claim 26, wherein the closure is disposed within or adjacent to a dispensing aperture of the bottle.

28. (canceled)

29.(currently amended) A bottle according to ~~in accordance with~~ claim 26, wherein a first layer is disposed within or adjacent to a dispensing aperture of the bottle defining a first seal and a second layer is disposed across a lower portion of the bottle defining a second seal.

30. (currently amended) A bottle according to claim 25 ~~any one of claims 24 to 26~~, wherein the bottle has two compartments with each compartment being sealed by a different component of the closure.

31.(original) A bottle according to claim 30, wherein the two compartments are formed by a division extending from adjacent a dispensing aperture of the bottle to the base of the bottle.

32.(canceled)

33.(currently amended) A bottle according to claim 25 containing a detergent composition ~~32~~, wherein a portion of the composition is sealed by a first component of the closure and a second portion is sealed by a second portion of the closure.

34.(currently amended) A bottle according to claim ~~32 or~~ 33, wherein the detergent composition is a machine dishwashing detergent composition.

35.(canceled)

36.(currently amended) A bottle according to claim 25 ~~any one of claims 24 to 35~~, wherein the bottle comprises an additional sealing means.

37. (canceled)